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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 19
By Turner (Shelby)

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Mrs. Alversa Williams Lee on the recent celebration of her 90th birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pay tribute to those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Alversa Williams Lee celebrated her 90th birthday on January 5, 2001, a milestone that was commemorated as another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, the daughter of the late Dennis and Luella Short Williams, Alversa Williams Lee is a highly respected member of the Memphis-Shelby County community; and

WHEREAS, on April 7, 1935, Alversa Williams was joined in marriage with Robert Edward Lee and the couple's blessed union produced fourteen children, Ernestine Donester, Robert Arnold, Wesley Gene, Lewis Edward, Sandra Faye, Brenda Aleece, Ruth Elaine, Joan Elizabeth, Peggy Jayne, Clifford Daniel, Mark David, Susan Carlotta, Timothy Claudius, and Peter (Ekpe Abioto); and

WHEREAS, she is the loving grandmother of Helaine Aleece Henning, Carnal Garnett Henning, Carma Henning Love, Arnold Cortel Lee, Keith Danielle Lee, Cedric Johnathan Lee, Jada Lee Walls, NeEtta Anissa Lee, Craig Lee, Tiffany Lee, Kimary Lee, Lisa Maria Swift Young, Anthony Odell Swift, Cassandra Denise Swift, David August Turner II, Belinda Turner,

Melvin Gene Turner II, Alana Winesha Turner, Kamilah Elaine Turner, Kevin Nathaniel Turner, Gregory Steven Nelson, Brian Edward Nelson, David Lee Neely, Justin Arnold Lee Neely, Cris Clyde Lee Neely, Janna Damia Lee Neely, Danielle Nicole Lee, Sena Yawa Adekpuitor, Kofi Nai Adekpuitor, Intisar Sobenna Abioto, Kalimah Shukurah Abioto, Hanifah Saara Abioto, Amenta Kemet Abioto, and Aisha Medina Abioto; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Lee is the great-grandmother of Arnetta Ietta Anderson, Shaleecia Walls, Brandon Young, Marisa Young, Robynetta Dancy, Cekydra Dancy, and Jahbrielle Rayford; and

WHEREAS, lovingly referred to by her family as the "Queen Mother," Mrs. Lee has raised her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren with immeasurable amounts of love, strength, wisdom, and guidance; and

WHEREAS, she has thirteen points of wisdom that she has handed down to the young people in her family; they are: 1) To thine own self be true; 2) You are known by your reputation; 3) Your character is who you are; 4) As you make plans for your future, be sure to ask for God's guidance in your life; 5) Expect success; 6) Be calm; 7) Choose your associates carefully; 8) Commune with yourself each day; 9) Know who you are; 10) Love yourself, you are your best friend; 11) The sky is no longer the limit; keep on until you reach your goal; 12) Read the first twelve verses of Proverbs; and 13) Remember, you are precious in God's sight; and

WHEREAS, as Mrs. Alversa Williams Lee approaches her 9th decade, she is still an active and productive member of society, participating in various civic and community events, as her health permits; and

WHEREAS, we wish to take this golden opportunity to recognize one of Tennessee's most outstanding citizens on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Mrs. Alversa Williams Lee on the celebration

of her 90th birthday and extend to her our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.